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Jet-propelled aircraft flying in squadrons of eight planes each, mostly in tandem formation of six to eight squadrons, were observed over KALININ (35°55'E/56°52'N). These aircraft, which had a single rudder assembly and wings "slightly swept to the fore and in line with the cockpit", were very fast. They took off from, and landed at, the KALININ military airfield. A plane of this type once crashed in the town.

2. More than 100 small biplanes, frequently used for flight training, were parked at the commercial airfield near the KAININ railroad station.

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Comment: The above described aircraft type cannot be definitely determined. From the statement that the wings are about in line with the cockpit, a Yak-15 may be concerned. As compared with other observations made during the same period, the number of one hundred biplanes allegedly stationed at the commercial airfield (designated as "southern field") is considered to be overrrated.

